

COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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Changes to the document from the previous version are highlighted in yellow.

Clinical Resources - NEW

- [Transport Temperature Log](#)
- [Preparation Infographic](#) with best practices to ensure 6 doses in each Pfizer vial
- Moderna [Before Use Date](#) labels
- Storage and Handling Toolkit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/index.html>

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

- [FDA Briefing Document](#)
- [ACIP meeting](#): February 28 and March 1
- CDC COCA Call: What Clinicians Need to Know About Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, March 2

Join with Zoom link below:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1603748312?pwd=anlmUURkSEtmdzBLSmNOV0pJSzZUQT09>

Passcode: 893944

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Webinar ID: 160 374 8312

VaccineFinder

- Iowa is participating in the beta launch of [VaccineFinder](#) for the general public to find COVID-19 vaccine providers
- Currently limited to COVID-19 vaccine providers that would serve the general public
- Includes provider types such as pharmacies, local public health that provided website information to previous IDPH survey
- Excludes provider types expected not to serve the general public such as occupational health clinics, colleges, LTCs, and private practice
- Site intended to send public to a pre-screening or scheduling website

Email Notifications about COVID-19 Vaccine Shipments from McKesson

Beginning with orders approved on Saturday, February 20, vaccine shipments to providers will be preceded by two emails from McKesson:

1. An **order acknowledgment email** that is sent once the order has been received into the McKesson system (**NEW**)
2. An **advance shipment email** that is sent once the order has shipped from the McKesson depot and contains the carrier tracking details
 - Both of these emails will be sent to: the provider (facility) level email address that is transmitted with the order in VTrckS.
 - Both of these emails will be sent from: CDCNotifications@mckesson.com (Note: This is a **NEW** email address for emails from McKesson. Whitelist this address so that the emails are not blocked.)

Six Doses of Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine in Each Vial

On February 15, 2021, all federal systems will be updated to account for the sixth dose of vaccine in each Pfizer vial. Allocations received beginning on Tuesday February 16th will be in increments of 1,170 doses. IRIS has already been updated in anticipation of this change and orders of Pfizer vaccine received after February 16th will automatically be accepted into provider inventories in increments of 1,170 doses. **INVENTORY NOTE: Current inventory of Pfizer vaccine will not change and will still be counted as 5 doses per vial.**

Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines

CDC released updated clinical guidance related to mRNA vaccines. The updated guidance can be found at [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States | CDC](#).

V-Safe After Vaccination Health Checker

V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after an individual receives a COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe web pages feature information on how to register and complete a v-safe health check-in (including step-by-instructions with images), troubleshooting, FAQs, and contact information for technical support. These web pages will be continuously updated with additional resources.

- V-safe information sheet and poster: Posted on the Vaccine webpage and available in 5 languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and Simplified Chinese
- [V-safe after vaccination health checker website](#)
- [V-Safe Print Resources](#)
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#)

Vaccinate with Confidence

CDC released updated [resources](#) aimed at building confidence in COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkits

- For Medical Centers, Clinics, Pharmacies, and Clinicians
- For Healthcare Professionals and Pharmacists
- For LTCF Administrators and Leadership
- For Employers of Essential Workers
- For Staff of Organizations Serving Communities

CDC COVID Data Tacker

CDC has released the COVID Data Tracker. The [Vaccinations tab](#) on the tracker shows overall US COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration. State views for total doses distributed are also available.

MMWRs and Interim Guidance

- On February 19, 2021 an MMWR article titled, [*“First Month of COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Monitoring - United States, December 14, 2020 - January 14, 2021”*](#) was published.
- On February 9, 2021 an MMWR article titled, [*“COVID-19 Vaccination Intent, Perceptions, and Reasons for Not Vaccinating Among Groups Prioritized for Early Vaccination- United States, September and December 2020”*](#) was published.
- On February 5, 2021 an MMWR article titled, [*“Early COVID-19 First-Dose Vaccination Coverage Among Residents and Staff Members of Skilled Nursing Facilities Participating in the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program — United States, December 2020–January 2021”*](#) was published.
- On February 5, 2021 an MMWR article titled, [*“Demographic Characteristics of Persons Vaccinated During the First Month of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program — United States, December 14, 2020–January 14, 2021”*](#) was published.
- On January 22, 2020 an MMWR article titled, [*“Allergic Reactions Including Anaphylaxis After Receipt of the First Dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, December 21, 2020-January 10, 2021”*](#) was published.
- On January 6, 2021 an MMWR article titled, [*“Allergic Reactions Including Anaphylaxis After Receipt of the First Dose of Pfizer-BioTech COVID-19 Vaccine - United States, December 14-23, 2020”*](#) was published.
- On December 20, 2020 an MMWR article titled, [*“The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ Interim Recommendation for Use of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, December 2020”*](#) was published.

- On December 13, 2020 an MMWR article titled, "[*The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Interim Recommendation for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, December 2020*](#)" was published.
- On December 13, 2020 an MMWR article titled, "[*The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Interim Recommendation for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, December 2020*](#)" was published.
- On December 3, 2020 an MMWR article titled, "[*The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Interims Recommendation for Allocating Initial Supplies of COVID-19 Vaccine - United States, 2020*](#)" was published.
- The "[*Interim Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Healthcare Personnel and Long-Term Care Facility Residents*](#)" was released.
- On November 23, an MMWR article titled "[*The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Ethical Principles for Allocating Initial Supplies of COVID-19 Vaccine - United States, 2020*](#)" was published.